

Decision of the Supreme War Plans Council, No. 27
July 17, 1945 / Showa 20/ re Measures for the
East Indies Independence.

I. Policy

In order to contribute towards the complete prosecution of the Greater East Asia War, the Empire shall recognize as soon as possible the Independence of the East Indies. For this purpose, preparations for the Independence shall be hastened and reinforced immediately.

II Outline

(1) The area to be made independent shall be the former Netherlands East Indies.

(2) Preparations for the Independence shall be pushed throughout the entire territory and as soon as preparations are completed in the principal areas, the Independence of a new nation shall be proclaimed throughout the entire territory. However, as regards the administration of areas where preparations are not completed, steps will be taken to transfer these areas by degrees under the jurisdiction of the new nation in accordance with the state of the progress of preparations.

For this purpose, an Independence Preparatory Committee shall be speedily organized in Java, and be made to prepare various matters necessary in carrying out the Independence.

(3) The scheduled date of Independence shall be roughly fixed as soon as possible and shall be announced by the Independence Preparatory Committee, together with the areas designated as the domain of the new nation.

(4) The polity, political system, name of the country and the scope of the citizens shall be established by public opinion.

(5) Through the policy concerned with the Independence, efforts shall be made to promote the race-consciousness of the people, and to make them contribute toward the complete prosecution of the war. Measures shall be taken to prevent with all efforts, any hindrance to operations and preparations (T.V. armaments, war preparations).

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(6) The execution of this policy at the actual place shall be entrusted entirely to the hands of the army there.

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